

# **KENTUCKY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

**February 14, 2006, Minutes**

10:00 a.m.

Berry Mansion

Frankfort, Kentucky

## **I. Call to Order**

Mr. George Burkley, Chair, Kentucky Workforce Investment Board (KWIB), called the meeting to order shortly after 10 a.m., noted anticipated changes in membership as vacancies are filled and new members appointed as terms expire, and requested that the roll be called.

### Roll Call:

The following members were present: Mr. George Burkley, Governor Martha Layne Collins, Secretary of State Trey Grayson, Mr. Don Doty, Executive Director Andrew Fraenhoffer, Ms. Kimberly Maffet, Mr. Bill Parson, Ms. Nancy Spivey, and Ms. Sue Tamme. Senator Vernie McGaha arrived at 10:30.

The following members were absent: Mayor Jerry Abramson, Ms. Sharon Bird, Senator Charlie Borders, Representative Larry Clark, Judge/Executive Bill May, Dr. Michael McCall, Mr. Ken Oilschlager, Mr. Ted Richardson, (Retired) General James Shane, and Mr. Russell Starkey.

### Establishment of Quorum:

A quorum of 11 members was not met with 10 of 20 appointed members present.

### Comments:

Mr. Burkley stated that he and Elizabeth Hack plan to attend the National Governors Association sponsored State Board Chairs winter meeting in Washington D. C. February 24-26. They had attended a State Board Chairs meeting the previous August and found the information presented helpful in understanding what other states are doing. He reported that Dr. Penny Armstrong had moved to a different position, that Andy Fraenhoffer is now Executive Director of the Office of Employment and Training replacing Dr. Armstrong, and that Commissioner Laura Owens is now the Education Cabinet Deputy Secretary and Department for Workforce Investment Acting Commissioner.

## **II. Action Items**

### A. Approval of Minutes:

Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the November 29, 2005, minutes was tabled. However, two corrections were noted. The revised paragraph will read as follows:

She also noted that there is a strong possibility that (1) the 70 percent response rate for the customer satisfaction requirement may be waived. Ms. Prewitt stated that data validation is conducted by a hand check process to ensure that dollars are not lost because of data not meeting standards. Staff plans to meet and work with local areas regarding data. She also stated that because Kentucky received more than 500 response forms, (2) the 70 percent response rate ~~is~~ may not be required.

#### B. Committee Reports:

Mr. Burkley noted that the Executive Committee minutes from the June 22, 2005, meeting were in the packet. The minutes from the more recent January 19, 2006, Executive Committee meeting will be presented to the full board after the committee has reviewed them.

He noted that the KWIB committee membership list is complete for now although additional changes are expected as new members are appointed to the KWIB.

Mr. Burkley reviewed the objectives of the Awareness, Alignment, Access, and Accountability committees, noting that the KWIB committees had been restructured to align with the Strategic Plan, putting particular emphasis on the initial activities for each committee as discussed by the Executive Committee. This information is provided on pages 20-23 of the agenda packet. He stated that in the near future the committee chairs will contact committee members to make arrangements for committee meetings.

Three committee chairs present (Governor Collins, Ms. Maffet, and Ms. Spivey) responded that they were prepared to meet with their respective committee members and schedule committee meetings. KWIB office staff is available for making committee meeting arrangements. Mr. Burkley reported that Executive Director Andy Fraenhoffer and Ms. Hack would assign staff to support the work of each committee.

Mr. Fraenhoffer noted that he has been impressed by staffs' skill level and breadth of knowledge, pointing out that Carlos Cracraft's Research and Statistics Branch maintains and distributes an extensive array of data.

### **III. Administrative Reports**

#### A. Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Update:

On behalf of Susan Craft, Workforce and Employment Services Division Director, Ms. Sharon Britton, Program Compliance Branch Manager, gave an update on the Workforce Investment Act budget, stating that the news is not good with the proposed federal 2007 budget combining WIA and Wagner/Peyser funds and shifting funds to individual career advancement accounts. She noted that WIA/Wagner Peyser funding may be reduced by as much as five hundred million dollars. Further, the 2007 budget proposal eliminates funding for the service known as America's Job Bank. This action is proposed because several state and private job banks, such as Monster, provide this service. Ms. Britton also reported that NASWA has asked how Kentucky will handle these potential budget

changes and stated that Kentucky had a meeting scheduled for the following day to discuss coordination of the budgetary change impact and ways to offset its impact.

Mr. Burkley requested a follow up report regarding how Kentucky plans to respond to the proposed cuts at the next KWIB meeting.

B. WIA Performance:

Ms. Linda Prewitt, Budget and Finance Section Supervisor, distributed revised WIA performance information (attached). She noted that Kentucky was within the allowable percentage and was, therefore, considered to have met the negotiated performance standards. Final word regarding Kentucky's 2004 performance is expected by the end of the month.

In addition to the information presented, KWIB members requested a rolling four-quarter report plus the most recent quarter, and year-to-date information.

C. BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) Update:

Sherry Johnson, Lincoln Trail LWIA Director, stated that BRAC is a great opportunity for Kentucky; that Brad Richardson has been hired by OneKnox as the contact person for BRAC; that multiple committees and groups are dealing with various aspects; and that surveys had been conducted regarding individuals and programs that will move to Kentucky. Significant growth at Fort Knox is anticipated in 2009-2010, necessitating expanded facilities. For the military personnel and civilian personnel employed by the military considering relocation to Kentucky, the primary concerns regarding the relocation have to do with jobs, schools, and the cost of living. Lincoln Trail anticipates putting a one stop on the base. It has been communicated by military leaders that Kentucky communities have historically been very supportive of military personnel and their families. A copy of her report is attached to the minutes.

The KWIB membership discussed the impact of BRAC on Kentucky and the need for involvement by Kentucky and Kentucky businesses. Governor Collins emphasized the importance of including business representatives in meetings and discussions with military base personnel who might move to Kentucky.

Mr. Burkley reiterated the KWIB's interest in BRAC and offered the services of the KWIB.

D. Office of Career and Technical Education Update:

Mr. David Billingsley, new Executive Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, introduced himself (after ten days in his new position) and his assistant, Bettie Tipton, who has extensive experience with Perkins programs. Mr. Billingsley provided three handouts (attached) including an Executive Summary of the Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005, a list of seven Secondary Performance Measures for FY 2006, and a memo about Perkins goals and performance achievements. He noted that while the Perkins programs are not in the president's budget, it is anticipated that they will be reinstated through bipartisan support in the budget process.

Mr. Burkley noted that both the Access and Accountability committees are expected to interact with the Perkins programs.

E. WIRED (Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development) Update:

In addition to the summaries of Kentucky's WIRED proposals included in the agenda packet, Ms. Hack distributed summaries of the WIRED funded programs, noting that while Kentucky was not awarded funding, the process did provide an opportunity for working with other workforce partners, including economic development and education.

Following discussion, Mr. Burkley requested copies of the full proposals for comparison purposes.

F. Other Business:

Ms. Hack reported that House Bill 218 and Senate Bill 57, both dealing with the Governor's Executive Order transferring responsibility for Perkins Act programs to the KWIB, had been approved by the originating house and was being considered in committees of the opposite house. No problems were anticipated. She also noted that Senate Bill 105 dealing with the reorganization of the Education Cabinet, was under consideration.

Mr. Burkley announced that the next full KWIB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Secretary Grayson; seconded by Mr. Don Doty.